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Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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Description of Amendments to the Claims:

10 Claims 1-36 remain in this application. Claims 1, 4, 13, 15-25, and 27-36 have been amended.

Listing of Claims:

15 Claim 1 (currently amended): An adjustable strike mounting system, comprising:
a channel having an opening, a bottom and longitudinally disposed opposing
tracks;
a cover plate straddling said opening and abutting said longitudinally disposed
opposing tracks, said cover plate having an aperture;
20 male fasteners;
female fasteners;
a strike plate having an aperture and holes receiving said male fasteners
therethrough;
said strike plate abutting said cover plate, said strike plate aperture and said cover
25 plate aperture substantially common one with the other, said ~~strike plate aperture~~
cover plate aperture receiving said ~~strike plate received~~ male fasteners
therethrough;
positioning blocks adapted to align said strike plate aperture with a bolt,

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each said positioning block having a chamber, said chamber having one
of said female fasteners therein, and a hole from the exterior of said block
to said chamber receiving one of said ~~received cover plate~~ male fasteners
therethrough, said male fastener mating with and fastened to said female
5 fastener therein said chamber, said chamber adapted to retain said female
fastener therein when said male fastener is fastened to said female
fastener,
and transverse sets of opposing rails and adjacent spring leaves,
said transverse sets of opposing rails and adjacent spring leaves mounted
10 therein said channel between said bottom and said opposing tracks of said
channel.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said bolt comprises a bolt of a lockset.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said bolt comprises a deadbolt.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
20 claim 1, ~~wherein an astragal comprises said channel~~ wherein said channel is
disposed in an astragal.

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Claim 5 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said strike comprises a lockset strike.

5 Claim 6 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said strike comprises a deadbolt strike.

Claim 7 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said positioning blocks are molded.

10 Claim 8 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said positioning blocks are of an acetal material.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein said positioning block holes are oblong.

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Claim 10 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim 1, wherein:

said positioning blocks are slidable within said channel for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

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said positioning blocks are locked in place within said channel when said
male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

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Claim 11 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to claim 9, wherein:

said male fasteners are slidable within said oblong holes for adjustably fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

5 said positioning blocks are locked in place within said channel when said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The adjustable strike mounting system according to claim 9, wherein:

10 said positioning blocks are slidable within said channel for adjustably fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

said male fasteners are slidable within said oblong holes for adjustably fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

15 said positioning blocks are locked in place within said channel when said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to claim 1, wherein said male fasteners are screws and said female fasteners are ~~nuts~~: nuts.

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Claim 14 (previously presented): An adjustable strike mounting system, for adjustably fastening a strike plate having an aperture and holes therethrough to an

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astragal having a channel having a bottom and sides having opposing retaining guides, comprising:

male fasteners;

female fasteners;

5 positioning blocks,

each of said positioning blocks comprising a block and transverse sets of opposing retaining rails and adjacent spring leaves fastened to said block, said block having a hole and chamber therein, said chamber adapted to receive and retain one of said female fasteners therein, said hole adapted to receive one of
10 said male fasteners therethrough and mate with said female fastener within said chamber;

said astragal channel having said positioning blocks placed therein,

said opposing retaining rails of said positioning blocks adjacent said opposing retaining guides of said astragal,

15 said spring leaves of said positioning blocks adjacent said bottom of said astragal channel,

said spring leaves forcing said retaining rails of said positioning blocks to abut said retaining guides of said astragal and a portion of said spring leaves to abut said bottom of said channel;

20 a cover plate,

said cover plate having an aperture therethrough and sides, said cover plate sides adjacent said astragal retaining guides;

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said male fasteners inserted through said holes of said strike plate through said aperture of said cover plate and fastened to said female fasteners in said positioning blocks, forcing said strike plate to abut said cover plate and said cover plate to abut said astragal retaining guides, and fasten said strike plate to said astragal.

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Claim 15 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said positioning block holes are oblong.

10 Claim 16 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein:

said positioning blocks are slidable within said astragal channel for adjustably fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

said positioning blocks are locked in place within said astragal channel when said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

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Claim 17 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein:

said male fasteners are slidable within said oblong holes for adjustably fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

said positioning blocks are locked in place within said astragal channel when said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~16~~ 15, wherein:

said positioning blocks are slidable within said astragal channel for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;
said male fasteners are slidable within said oblong holes for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;
said positioning blocks are locked in place within said astragal channel when
said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said positioning block holes are countersunk.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said male fasteners are screws and said female fasteners are
nuts:

Claim 21 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said strike plate comprises a lockset strike.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said strike plate comprises a deadbolt strike.

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Claim 23 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said positioning blocks are molded.

5 Claim 24 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said positioning blocks are of an acetal material.

Claim 25 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~15~~ 14, wherein said positioning block chambers have nibs adapted to retain
10 said female fasteners therein.

Claim 26 (previously presented): An adjustable strike mounting system, for
adjustably fastening a strike plate having an aperture and holes therethrough to an
astragal having a channel having a bottom and sides having opposing retaining
15 guides, comprising:
male fasteners;
female fasteners;
positioning blocks;
each of said positioning blocks comprising a block having a top, a bottom,
20 opposing sides, and opposing ends, and transverse sets of opposing retaining
rails and adjacent spring leaves fastened to said opposing ends of said block,
said block having a chamber, which has a roof having roof rails and a floor

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having floor rails, said block having a hole therethrough from one of said
opposing ends to said other one of said opposing ends, an oblong hole
through said top of said block to said roof of said chamber, and a hole from
said floor of said chamber to said bottom of said block, said chamber adapted
5 to receive and retain one of said female fasteners therein;
said astragal channel having said positioning blocks placed therein,
said opposing retaining rails of said positioning blocks adjacent said opposing
retaining guides of said astragal,
said spring leaves of said positioning blocks adjacent said bottom of said
10 astragal channel,
said spring leaves forcing said retaining rails of said positioning blocks to
abut said retaining guides of said astragal and a portion of said spring leaves
to abut said bottom of said channel;
a cover plate;
15 said cover plate having an aperture therethrough and sides, said cover plate
sides adjacent said astragal retaining guides;
said male fasteners inserted through said holes of said strike plate through said
aperture of said cover plate and fastened to said female fasteners in said
positioning blocks, forcing said female fasteners against said roof rails of said
20 positioning blocks, forcing said retaining rails of said positioning blocks to abut
said retaining guides of said astragal, forcing said strike plate to abut said cover

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plate and said cover plate sides to abut said astragal retaining guides, and fasten
said strike plate to said astragal.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to

5 claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein:

said positioning blocks are slidable within said astragal channel for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

said positioning blocks are locked in place within said astragal channel when
said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

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Claim 28 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to

claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein:

said male fasteners are slidable within said oblong holes for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

15 said positioning blocks are locked in place within said astragal channel when
said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to

claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein:

20 said positioning blocks are slidable within said astragal channel for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;

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said male fasteners are slidable within said oblong holes for adjustably
fastening said strike plate to said astragal;
said positioning blocks are locked in place within said astragal channel when
said male fasteners are fastened to said female fasteners.

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Claim 30 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said positioning block oblong holes are countersunk.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
10 claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said male fasteners are screws and said female fasteners are
nuts:

Claim 32 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said strike plate comprises a lockset strike.

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Claim 33 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said strike plate comprises a deadbolt strike.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
20 claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said positioning blocks are molded.

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Claim 35 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said positioning blocks are of an acetal material.

5 Claim 36 (currently amended): The adjustable strike mounting system according to
claim ~~27~~ 26, wherein said positioning block chambers have nibs adapted to retain
said female fasteners therein.